

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE AND ITS CAPITAL

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

Narrow Escape of Children From Death.

VISITORS TO STATE MUSEUM

Cuban Exhibits For the "Car on Wheels" — A Water-Melon Raiser Loses Pains and Money—Legislators Reach the Capital Through Eighteen Inches of Snow—Measure For the Protection of Cattle.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—A dispatch from Lenoir says: With the thermometer at 15 degrees at 11:30 Saturday night the fire alarm was heard and it was found that Mr. J. K. Price's house was on fire. When Mr. Price waked the flames were to be seen between the weather-boarding and ceiling, and the family, consisting of four children, made their escape in their night clothes, and as they disappeared from the room the fire burned through the ceiling and the room was in a blaze in a minute. The furniture on the first floor was saved. The house was so far gone that it was impossible to save it, as the fire could not be reached on the second floor, where they were sleeping. He had a small insurance.

BRIEF MENTION.

The marriage of Mr. C. G. Whiting to Miss Roberta Harris will be solemnized Tuesday at Greensboro.

Mr. T. K. Bruner will leave for Cuba next Tuesday to get up the exhibit for the car to be called "Cuba on Wheels," an enterprise of Mr. W. H. Ramsey, who is now running the North Carolina car.

There were 42,000 visitors to the State Museum during the month of January. The total number of visitors during the year 1898 was over 40,000. The number of visitors during last Fair week was more than the total number of visitors during the year 1893, the first year an account of visitors was kept. For that year it was 4,000.

Mr. H. B. Bagwell, the great water-melon raiser of Garner, came near having his residence destroyed by fire yesterday morning. He was running a fire all night in his room. About 2 o'clock in the morning he put on fresh fuel and again retired. Some time later he awoke to find the room full of smoke and the mantel piece blazing away. His pants, which were on a chair close to the fire, were burned up and a \$10 bill, which they contained, also went up into smoke. The damage done to the building was slight.

THE LEGISLATURE TO-DAY.

Legislators had to walk through eighteen inches of snow and face a temperature very few degrees above zero to get to the capitol this morning.

The event of the day was the serving by the House on the Senate of the final notice of the impeachment of Judge W. L. Norwood, of the Superior Court. The House passed by a vote of 68 to 6, on third reading, the Stevens bill against trusts. It is practically copy of the Illinois and Missouri, and makes it a felony to belong to a trust or own trust stock. An amendment was adopted excepting educational institutions from this, so far as present investments are concerned.

PROTECTION OF CATTLE.

A very stringent bill was introduced to prevent the spread of cattle distemper and tick fever.

Bills were passed giving the Democratic control of the Deaf Mute and Blind Institutions by means of the appointment of additional directors.

A bill was introduced in the House to establish a liquor dispensary at Charlotte.

Penitentiary Superintendent Day went before the finance committee of the Senate and heartily denounced the author and promoters of the bill which forbade him to expend any money. He said it meant starvation for the convicts or their unconditional pardon by Governor Russell.

He then stated that he would resign March 1st.

NEW COURTS PROPOSED.

The committee on courts decided to ask the Democratic caucus to establish two new superior court circuits, and abolish the two criminal court circuits, but not to do this until Governor Russell is seen and agrees to appoint the judges and solicitors the Democrats name.

EDENTON.

Edenton, N. C., Feb. 13.—One of the severest snow storms seen here in a number of years has prevailed since 2 o'clock Saturday. It is now nearly a foot deep and the pure white flakes continue to descend. The snow is accompanied by a high, biting, northwest wind, which makes it very interesting for those exposed.

The funeral service of the late Mrs. K. R. Pendleton took place from the family residence in Church street Saturday and was conducted by Rev. Mr. Willis. The service over, the remains were laid to rest in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

There is something like a wood panic in town.

The mail train was over an hour late to-day.

The mills have shut down, owing to the severe cold weather.

A DELIGHTFUL DANCE.

The most delightful dance of the season was given by the young people at Rea's Opera House Friday night. The following couples participated: O. B. Harris, with Miss Anne Shepard; J. Frank Bateman, with Miss Sophia Martin; George Makeley, with Miss Lizzie Bateman; R. H. Brinkley, with Miss Sallie Powell, of Emporia, Va.; Charlie Murden, with Miss Hattie Clarke, and A. W. Hawkins, with Miss Kate Leary. Stagers: George Folk, J. N. Pruden, W. S. Summerville and Will Brinkley. Chaperones: Mrs. C. R. Skinner and Mrs. M. E. White.

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THE OLD NORTH STATE.

Mr. Hugh C. Rhine of Pace Creek, died in Charlotte Thursday. He was 79 years of age, and a man of prominence and usefulness.

Saphronia Williams, colored, was sent from Raleigh to the public highways Saturday.

The State Treasurer has received a check for \$105,000, the thirty-seventh semi-annual dividend due the State by the North Carolina railroad.

The Raleigh Christian Advocate, the new Methodist paper, will make its first appearance next Wednesday at Raleigh.

The Currituck Shooting Club has donated a fine bald eagle to the State Museum.

The Textile Excelsior says the first development of the water power on the Yadkin is to be a sixty-foot dam, with wheel-house, turbines, etc., to cost over \$1,000,000.

The postoffice at Faison was broken into last Wednesday night and robbed of \$15 in money. Mr. George L. Giddens keeps the postoffice in his store and the robbers stole some shoes, a pair of gold spectacles, underclothing, socks, etc.

The residence of George B. Cooper, at Hilliardstown, was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. The building was entirely consumed, and all the furniture in the upper story burned. The loss is estimated at about \$2,500.

"Mink" Barnes was found dead in the road two miles from Winston Friday morning. His death was attributed to heart failure.

Mrs. Mahala Farmer nee Daniel, a former resident of Edgecombe county, where she was born in 1836, died recently at Columbus, Texas.

ELIZABETH CITY

The Worst Snow Storm Since the Year of '57.

Endorsed For Shell Fish Commissioner—Death of a Young Man—Notes Personal and General—Gang of Rowdies Cleaned Out.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 13.—The duration of this present snow storm eclipses that of 1857. The depth now is about ten inches. Commencing Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. it is still snowing. We have had very little intermission since it began to fall. The thermometer has been registering from 7 to 15 above zero, and our harbor is frozen over. Business of all kinds is almost entirely suspended.

Mr. C. C. Allen, of this city, is prominently mentioned for chief Shell Fish Commissioner of this State, and we are reliably informed that he has strong endorsements both here and in Raleigh.

DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN.

Mr. L. W. William's store on Poindecker streets, is closed to-day owing to the death of his son, Claude, aged 21 years. He expired last night at his residence on Pembroke avenue, of pneumonia. The sympathies of the community are with the bereaved family.

The Norfolk and Southern south-bound train arrived 40 minutes late to-day owing to the severe storm. Mr. A. Jay Scott, who has been employed by Mr. W. J. Woodley, on Water street, has resigned and accepted a position as traveling salesman for the P. Lorillard Tobacco Co. Mr. Scott has a host of friends here who regret his departure, but wish him success in his new undertaking.

We are reliably informed that the two oyster houses here paid out \$500 for labor the past week. Saturday night Jack Alexander, colored, got too full of liquor. His sister Mary came to take him home, but Jack used some naughty words on the street and Officer Sedgewick pulled him. This morning he paid \$5 and costs for his lot.

Mr. A. M. Truner, the photographer, left for Portsmouth to-day on account of feeble health. He will return shortly.

Chas. Bowe, colored, Saturday night went into Geo. H. Wood's barroom and tried to run things to suit himself. Mr. Wood courteously ordered him out. Bowe left, returning in a few moments with a few friends very much under the influence of old rye and called Mr. Wood some indecent names. Mr. Wood struck him with a hickory cane, and Mr. Bell, his clerk, came to his (Mr. Wood's) rescue, knocking down three of the intruders in less than a minute. In the Police Court this morning Mr. Bell was fined \$2.50 and costs. The negro Bowe escaped justice. Mr. Bell, his Honor said, hit too many. Mr. Wood was not fined, as he had the right to protect his property.

To-morrow, Wednesday, being Ash Wednesday, services will be held in Christ Church at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 5 o'clock p. m. During Lent morning prayer will be said daily at 9 o'clock a. m. and evening prayer at 5 o'clock p. m. The public is invited to attend.

Yankee Investment in Cuba.

A syndicate of American capitalists has just concluded the purchase of a large tract of land near Santiago, and will open up many new iron mines which are upon the property. Other investors are looking the island over carefully and inside of five years Yankee enterprise will transform the slow-going country into a place of business activity and push. In much the same manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will transform a run-down, debilitated, thin-blooded man into a type of health and strength. It will fill his veins with pure blood, stir up his sluggish liver, drive away his dyspepsia, and clear up his tired brain. It will make him eat well and sleep well, and if his nerves are in bad shape, the Bitters will tone them up and restore their old-time form. Malaria is still another disease that the Bitters are particularly good for.

THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN.

Mr. E. H. House used to live in Japan, and in a chapter of his "Bright Sides of History," in St. Nicholas, he mentions some of the peculiar customs of that island and at the antipodes.

"Were you upside down, uncle, when you lived there?" demanded Dick. "I was like everybody else in that region, Dick. When I stood up my feet were turned to-

ward the earth's centre, and you might call my position upside down, if you compared it with the way in which we are standing here. But that was only my bodily attitude. I did not follow all the Eastern ideas that were contrary to my experience. If I went riding, I did not beautify my steed by putting on his tail and ears bags of bright-colored brocade, nor did I mount from the right side of the horse, which was formerly considered the proper way in Japan. The ordinary lanterns and umbrellas of that country are made of paper, like those you see in this room; but I preferred glass for the one, and silk for the other—though I can't tell exactly why. When I rowed my boat on the river, I pulled the oars, instead of pushing them, with a peculiar twist, the Japanese do. If I happened to sneeze I did not feel bound to tap myself on the shoulder immediately after, which is the invariable rule among them. In celebrating the Fourth of July I set off my rockets and Roman candles at night, though in that country or, it is considered more suitable for it, as it also is for theatrical performances. In building me a house the workmen began with the foundation, not with the roof."

TO CORNER PLATINUM.

The formation of a Franco-Belgian syndicate, with a capital of \$10,000,000, has been announced, its purpose being to purchase the platinum mines of Russia and thereby control the world's output of this metal. Ninety per cent. of the world's supply comes from the Ural Mountains, and the consumption is practically a fixed quantity, regardless of price, since wherever platinum is used it is an imperative necessity, so that any change of the supply will have a great effect on the market price. It is claimed, however, that the syndicate has not been able to obtain control of all the mines, so that its plans may not be carried out.

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